

DPHS BAND BOOSTERS

The DP Band Boosters organization consists of the families of all Instrumental Music students at Dos Pueblos High School. Working closely with the Music Directors, the Boosters provide operational and financial support for all Instrumental Music groups in the areas described below.

Operational Marching Chargers Support

Parent chaperones supervise students on road trips.

The Equipment Crew supervises and assists students to maintain/load equipment, drives the equipment truck, assists students in setting up the Drumline front field ensemble, and builds props.

The Uniform volunteers do uniform fittings for students, check out, collect and maintain uniforms and keep careful track of inventory.

Financial Management for the Program

The music program maintains its high level of excellence primarily through voluntary financial contributions from parents. All Music Program funds are administered by the Booster Treasurer.

The Santa Barbara School District pays the salary of the Music Director, Mr Les Rose, but every other financial aspect of the program is the responsibility of the Boosters. Elements like transportation, competition fees, drill instructors, additional music instructors, uniforms, etc. are all paid for by the funds raised by the Boosters. **This year's program is expected to cost at least \$86,000 and supports over 150 talented students.**

Planning Activities for Students

Trips are planned for Marching Band, Color Guard, Drumline, Orchestra, and Jazz ensembles. Each year, a beginning of the year Kick-Off and Potluck is hosted in August / September and an Awards Night is held in May for the entire Instrumental Music Program.

Hosting Music Events

The Dos Pueblos Invitational Jazz Festival is held each Spring. This is a regulation competition festival with full judging, and is a source of revenue for the Instrumental Music Program. There are also concerts held for the

community and family members in each program.

Communication Links to Music Families

The Website www.dphsmusic.org provides up-to-date information on all DPHS Instrumental Music events.

The Email Distribution List allows for important messages to be sent directly to parents and students.

The Student/Parent Handbook is updated yearly and posted online.

Freshmen Parent Orientation is offered the first day of Band Camp to introduce new parents to the marching program.

Monthly Booster Meetings are held to discuss upcoming activities and solicit parent volunteers. These dates are posted on the Music calendar.

Encouragement for Music Students

The DP Band Boosters consists of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. All parents are automatically Booster members once their student registers in a music class. Parent volunteers are needed for a variety of activities. While some positions may have responsibilities throughout the year, most volunteer opportunities are on a onetime or short-term basis. Your participation is encouraged, welcomed and vital to maintaining the high caliber instrumental music program at Dos Pueblos High School.

MUSIC PROGRAM COURSE OFFERINGS

The main emphasis of the Dos Pueblos High School Instrumental Music Program is on musicianship, tradition, morale, spirit, and loyalty. It is the pride of a job well done and the accomplishments achieved that make the effort and sacrifice worthwhile.

Marching Chargers consists of the Marching Band, Drumline, and the Color Guard combined. During the fall season they perform at all home football games, local parades and in competitions throughout Southern California. In addition, they may perform at concerts and events that meet the promotional goals of the program.

Color Guard is a part of the Marching Chargers during the fall marching season, with an additional competitive season during the 2nd semester.

Jazz consists of both Beginner/Intermediate, and Advanced Bands. They participate in scheduled jazz competitions during spring semester and concerts throughout the entire school year.

Drumline is an extension of the marching program. The Drumline competes throughout the winter and spring in a Southern California circuit.

The Orchestra has its own performance schedule during the year and often performs at venues such as Disneyland.

MUSIC STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

As members of the very prestigious and successful Dos Pueblos High School Instrumental Music Program, we have earned various honors and titles through impressive performances and musical contribution to the community. With these honors and privileges come several areas of responsibility:

Responsibility to the School

Music Program students have a responsibility to follow school rules and be representatives of the entire Dos Pueblos High student body.

Responsibility to Each Other

Music Program students have the responsibility to respect the rights, property, and feelings of others both during school and at events.

Responsibility for Attendance

Music Program students are responsible to attend all Music Program rehearsals and performances.

Responsibility for School Property

Music Program students have a responsibility to care for and maintain all Music Program equipment such as instruments, music stands, the band room, uniforms, facilities, music, etc.

ATTENDANCE AND GRADING POLICY

The Music Program requires commitment, effort, promptness, and consistent attendance. Students are required to be at all events, as the curriculum for instrumental music classes includes both rehearsals and performances. Rehearsals are extremely important in order to be prepared for concerts and tournaments. (Do not schedule appointments during music instruction periods.) Each student will be present at all rehearsals to ensure their individual part is well prepared in relation to all other sections and is ready for a performance. Every student is crucial in each and every performance. Independent practice and private lessons are highly encouraged.

Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals and performances is mandatory, including Band Camp in August for Marching Chargers members. In order that standards for high quality performances are maintained, DPHS adheres to the following attendance and grading policy:

Rehearsals Two (2) **unexcused** absences from after-school rehearsals will lower the student's letter grade one (1) level.

Performances One (1) **unexcused** absence from a performance will result in an "F" for that six-week marking period. The "F" grade will be averaged into the other two six-week grades to make the final grade for the semester.

Excused Absences

Only the Music Director can excuse absences (e.g., extreme illness with a doctor's note, death in the family, other significant events at Music Director's discretion).

Call Time

For all rehearsals and performances, the Director will announce a Call Time. The student should arrive 15 minutes before Call Time.

Early is ... On Time! On Time is ... Late!

Late is ... you don't want to know!

REHEARSALS

Orchestra

Students must be enrolled in Orchestra class. Rehearsals are rarely called outside of class time.

Marching Chargers

The Marching Chargers begin practice in the summer and marching season runs August through December. Band Camp is usually held the 2 weeks prior to the start of school in August. Band Camp is an important time to get started on the music and drill for the competition season. Band Camp is mandatory for all Marching Band, Drumline and Color Guard members.

What Do You Need To Know About Band Camp?

Band Camp is an important series of rehearsals where we learn the music, marching style, and complicated drill moves that we need in order to compete with other bands during the year. Rehearsals are held outside so you will want to dress comfortably and use sunscreen. Proper footwear is important; be sure to wear tennis shoes and not sandals or flip-flops. Additionally, pack a lunch and bring a reusable water bottle to keep you hydrated during the day.

Any Questions? Email Mr. Rose at lrose@dphs.org

Marching Season Weekly Rehearsals Include:

Two Class Periods: During fall semester, students are enrolled in Marching Band, which runs from 2-4pm every weekday.

Color Guard

In the fall the Color Guard performs as part of the Marching Chargers and generally rehearses at the same time as the Marching Band.

Winter Guard

Winter Guard performs after Marching Season. Check the calendar at www.dphsmusic.org for the definitive rehearsal schedule.

Winter Drumline

Winter Drumline performs after Marching Season. Check the calendar at www.dphsmusic.org for the definitive rehearsal schedule.

UNIFORMS

Marching Chargers Uniforms

All Marching Band members are required to schedule a Uniform Fitting during Band Camp. The school district and the Boosters provide the marching uniform jointly. The uniform consists of a blue and gold jacket, black pants, and a hat with a plume. Students are responsible for keeping their uniforms in good repair and for having them dry cleaned at the end of the marching season.

Students Are Responsible For Helping Keep Uniforms in Good Condition

1. Black short-sleeved T-shirts and nylon shorts are to be worn under the uniform. No tank tops or cap sleeves. P.E. nylon shorts work well.
2. No make-up, jewelry, or nail polish will be worn while in uniform. Please DO NOT get ears pierced during marching season. Competition judges will take away points for these variances in appearance.
3. Hair cannot be touching the uniform collar. If hair is longer, the student should cut it before the competitions or wear it up so it fits in the hat. Chaperones will be available to help at each performance. If hair is not appropriate at performance time, the student, at the Directors' discretion, will not be allowed to perform.
4. No eating, drinking, or chewing gum at any time while in uniform (except for water that is provided by chaperones).
5. Uniforms are to be hung correctly on the hanger and stored in the uniform bag. Students are to empty all pockets and to store only the uniform in the uniform bag.
6. Black Shoes: Only certain black Band Shoes (Drillmasters) are acceptable. These are ordered at the beginning of the marching season.

There are some loaners available for those students who are unable to purchase their own shoes.

7. Black Socks are required.

8. Black Gloves: Plain black gloves are worn by all musicians except the front field ensemble and the drumline. These gloves are ordered at the beginning of the marching season and some loaners are available.

Color Guard & Winter Guard Uniforms

New uniforms are ordered each performance season. In the fall, Color Guard performs with the Marching Chargers; in the winter/spring, Winter Guard performs solo. The uniforms are chosen to reflect the theme of each season's show. The Boosters provide the uniforms and equipment the Guard uses.

Drumline & Winter Drumline Uniforms

During the fall marching season Drumline is a part of the Marching Chargers and wears the same marching uniform as the rest of the Marching Chargers. For each Winter Drumline season, new uniforms are ordered to reflect the theme of that winter season's show. Student families purchase the uniforms which must be kept in good condition. At the end of the Winter Drumline season, the uniforms are the students' to keep. New ones are issued each winter season to fit the theme of that season's show.

CONCERT SEASON DRESS

Orchestra

Women: Long, black skirt (below the knee), white long-sleeved blouse, black stockings, black shoes. Men: Black pants, white long-sleeved shirt, black bow tie, black socks, black shoes.

Jazz Bands & Combos

Women: Black dress or white blouse and black skirt, (no strapless or spaghetti straps), black stockings, black shoes.

Men: Black suit (jacket and pants), white long-sleeved button down shirt, black long skinny tie, black socks, black shoes.

TRIP POLICIES

Music students' well being is of the utmost importance to us all. To provide a safe, wholesome, and enjoyable experience for all students the following policies apply.

Release Forms

Each year, the following SBUSD forms must be completed and signed by the student's parent or legal guardian and received by the Boosters before the student will be allowed to travel with the music organization.

Emergency Card – Kept by each liaison, these cards are brought on all field trips in case of emergency.

Student Participation in Voluntary Field Trip / Excursion – Provides parental permission, assumption of risk, and emergency medical treatment authorization.

Student Participation Dates – Details known field trip dates

Student Transportation Form – if a parent is transporting students, this form requires that the parent's insurance coverage will be used first in the event of an accident. **Students may not drive other students.**

Chaperones

Adult Chaperones accompany the musical groups on every performance to provide assistance, to help supervise students, for transportation (jazz bands, winter drumline and winter guard) and to help prepare students for their performance.

Student Departures

Students are not allowed to return home from a trip by any means other than the bus unless the student is leaving with his/her parent or guardian or designated adult. A note must be given to the Lead Chaperone by the parent, accompanied by the student, before leaving the event. The note must state that the parent or other adult is taking the student and which number bus the student was on. This relieves the SBUSD and the Boosters of any and all responsibility once the student departs. Under no circumstances may a student leave an event with anyone other than a parent, guardian or designated adult. The Lead Chaperone or their

designated representative will stay until all students have been picked up. Chaperones are not allowed to drive students home.

Bus Rules

The directions of the Chaperones, student leaders and the bus driver must be followed. Any infractions will be reported to the Music Director for disciplinary action. A student will ride the same bus in both directions unless a Chaperone or Music Director changes the student's bus assignment. Radios and digital audio players may only be used with headphones. When charter buses are used, the Chaperones will announce the rules prior to departure. On some occasions, Chaperones may provide snacks and games during long trips. Upon returning to the school, the bus must be clean. Each student is responsible for his or her own instrument. This includes turning it over to the Equipment Crew prior to departure and collecting it upon arrival back at school.

Expected Behavior

Travel with the music groups is a privilege, not a right. School rules are in effect on any music program trip. Violations of school rules will result in prompt disciplinary action by the Music Director. If a serious violation of school policy occurs (alcohol, drugs, or violence), the student may be sent home from the trip at the discretion of the Music Director. Any cost incurred as a result of this disciplinary action will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Striving for excellence is a Dos Pueblos tradition. This excellence comes as a result of hard work and sacrifice by many students in a variety of ways. It is essential that students who represent Dos Pueblos High exhibit behaviors both on and off campus that would not distract from, tarnish, or mar the reputation of a team, program, or school. They should, through their own high degree of citizenship, provide the role models necessary to maintain the high level of excellence and provide leadership for other student followers. Our student leaders should act as meaningful, productive members of society, showing good citizenship towards all. Failure to live up to these standards may result in students being removed from the position they hold. This includes co-curricular activities, i.e., teams, clubs, and offices.

MUSIC PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding for education in the performing arts has been under attack for many years, with school districts' budgets being cut by the state and donations from business and families suffering from the current economic condition. **While we are thankful that the Santa Barbara Unified School District provides a salary for our credentialed Music Director, the District provides no additional funding for our students' music education.** If our students are to receive anything more than the most basic level of instruction, WE must provide the financial support to cover those expenses.

The Dos Pueblos Band Boosters was incorporated as a California non-profit organization with the sole purpose of providing funding for music instructors and teachers, music purchases and licensing, equipment purchase and repair, transportation of students and equipment to performance and competition events, and all of the other things necessary to provide our students with an incredible music education and life-changing experiences.

MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES

There are numerous costs associated with running a Music Program of this size and caliber. These expenses include:

1. Instructors represent the single largest Booster expense (over 50% of the annual budget). The Boosters financially support the in-class Music Instructors, Color Guard Instructors, Orchestra Instructors, Field Show Drill Designers and Drumline Instructors.
2. All transportation costs to parades, tournaments and festivals. The program pays for buses regardless of whether the event is within the school district or not.
3. Activities and Awards.
4. Sheet Music for all band and orchestra students.
5. Meals and Lodging for overnight trips.
6. Uniform items not provided by the district.

7. Color Guard equipment, flags and accessories.
8. Orchestra/Concert Festival entrance fees.
9. Marching Band Tournament fees.
10. Uniform cleaning and maintenance.
11. Instrument Purchase and Repair.
12. Equipment Truck Maintenance
13. Music Arrangements.

ANNUAL BUDGETED EXPENSE

These expenses add up fast. The budget to maintain our diverse music program at its current level of quality is about **\$86,000 per year**. We expect to have **150 students** this year in the Music programs.

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Fundraising events only go so far in raising the amount of money required to provide our students with the music education they deserve. We must rely on our local community and families to provide the remainder of the funds required. No student will be prevented from attending music program extracurricular activities due to a lack of donations. If we raise enough money the entire group will attend an activity. If we do not raise enough money the entire group will not attend an activity.

We ask that each family consider making a voluntary contribution to support the Instrumental Music Program at Dos Pueblos High School. The DP Band Boosters are recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 public benefit corporation (Tax ID #26-3368456) - meaning that your donation is fully tax-deductible, to the extent of the law. Your contribution will help us provide the education our students deserve and want so badly. It will help enrich our community and our future generations.

The Santa Barbara Unified School District requires the following statement:

“California law and SBUSD board policies require that the donations used to fund school-related activities be truly voluntary. No student will be excluded from participating in any school-related activities because the student or their parents has not made a donation. Any suggested donation amount is also voluntary. If you choose to make a donation, you can make it in any amount you deem appropriate. No donations will be returned to you if your child decides or is unable to participate in the program to which you donated.”

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers sponsored by the Boosters provide opportunities to raise funds for the Music General Fund. All are encouraged to help in raising the money needed to maintain our high quality music program. Students are required to attend fundraisers, just as if it were a practice/rehearsal.

eScrip

It's simple and costs you nothing; all you need to do is register. Then every time you shop, grocers like **VONS** and multiple other local retailers and restaurants will donate money to the Band Boosters!

eScrip also offers an Online Shopping Mall! Access a website through their Online Mall, or by using eScrip's **AutoEARN** app, and retailers such as Amazon, Nordstrom, Gap, Target, and many others kick in up to 9% of your purchase!

Check our “How can I support Instrumental Music” page on the website for more information.

Car Wash

A car wash is held at least once a year, usually in the Fall. All students are expected to take a 2 hour shift for the designated day(s). Students are asked to sell tickets provided to them in advance. There is no required amount to be sold. All funds go directly to the Booster General Fund. All donations collected are tax deductible.

Bake Sales

All concerts and events held by the Music Program have a Bake Sale. Parents are asked to provide baked goods or water for sale to the public. All funds go directly to the Booster General Fund.

Other Fundraisers

Additional fundraisers may include (but are not limited to):

- Holiday Performances
- SoHo Fundraiser/Auction
- Annual Coffee Sales. In the past Santa Barbara Roasting Company helps us host a fundraiser where we sell bags of coffee. It is usually quite a successful fundraiser.
- Restaurant Fundraisers provide opportunities throughout the year to support the Boosters by having a portion of our patronage donated to the General Music Fund.

Please contact Booster Board president, Bill Gadsby, if you would like to discuss additional fund raising opportunities.